

Environmental Service Pros Highlights Hidden Asbestos Dangers in Older Nashville Properties

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Environmental Service Pros, a Nashville-based environmental cleanup company, is raising awareness about the potential presence of asbestos in residential properties built before the 1980s, as many homeowners remain unaware of the health risks lurking within their walls, floors, and ceilings.

The family-owned company reports that asbestos-containing materials were commonly used in home construction throughout the mid-20th century, appearing in everything from insulation and floor tiles to roofing materials and pipe wrapping. Despite federal regulations restricting asbestos use since the 1970s, millions of homes across Tennessee still contain these hazardous materials.

"Many Nashville residents don't realize that simple home renovation projects can disturb asbestos fibers and create serious health hazards," said Michael McDonnell, Operations Director at Environmental Service Pros. "We've seen cases where homeowners unknowingly exposed their families to asbestos while removing old flooring or updating their bathrooms. Professional asbestos testing before any renovation work is essential for

protecting your family's health."

Asbestos exposure poses significant health risks, including lung cancer, mesothelioma, and asbestosis. These diseases often develop decades after initial exposure, making prevention through proper identification and removal critically important. The microscopic fibers, when disturbed, become airborne and can be inhaled, lodging in lung tissue where they cause long-term damage.

Common areas where asbestos may be found in older homes include popcorn ceilings, vinyl floor tiles, pipe insulation, exterior siding, and attic insulation. The material remains safe when undisturbed and in good condition, but deterioration or renovation activities can release dangerous fibers into the air.

The Environmental Protection Agency recommends that homeowners have suspected materials tested by certified professionals before beginning any renovation or demolition work. Visual inspection alone cannot determine whether materials contain asbestos, as the fibers are too small to see with the naked eye.

"The cost of proper asbestos removal is minimal compared to the potential health consequences of exposure," McDonnell explained. "We encourage Nashville homeowners to be proactive about testing, especially if they're planning renovations or have noticed deteriorating materials in their homes."

Recent data from the Tennessee Department of Health indicates that mesothelioma rates in the state remain a concern, with many cases linked to residential asbestos exposure. This underscores the importance of professional assessment and remediation when asbestos is suspected.

Environmental Service Pros specializes in comprehensive environmental cleanup services, including mold testing and asbestos remediation. The company operates around the clock to provide safe, compliant environmental services to homes and businesses throughout the Nashville area. Their certified technicians follow strict safety protocols established by state and federal regulations to ensure proper containment and disposal of hazardous materials.

As Nashville's housing market continues to see renovation activity in older neighborhoods, the need for professional environmental assessment services has become increasingly important. Property owners are advised to include environmental testing as part of their due diligence when purchasing or renovating older properties.

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